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Kuipers Appointed to National Education Task Force

(LANSING) – Due to his continuing commitment and focus on educational issues, state Senator Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, was recently appointed to the Education Task Force of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

'This is a great opportunity to see what education initiatives are getting results," Kuipers, chair of the Senate Education Committee, said. "Through the power of shared ideas, we can help each other solve problems and open new doors."

ALEC is a membership organization and public policy institute. Founded in 1974, it is the nation's largest bipartisan membership association with a national network of nearly 3,000 Republican and Democrat state legislators. ALEC develops policies expanding free markets, promoting economic growth, limiting government and ensuring individual liberty.

The education task force promotes excellence in the country's education system through innovative policies such as school choice. The task force also focuses on holding teachers accountable for the education they provide and developing ideas on how businesses can become partners in educating the next generation of children.

"Michigan has been a leader in school choice," Kuipers said. "I look forward to sharing our concerns with others and continuing efforts to improve our system."